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On Friday, July 23, 2004, an unfortunate stabbing incident occurred at the DPSS Wilshire Special office on 6th Street in my District. Apparently, the suspect and victim were acquaintances and had a personal dispute between them. The suspect was arrested and the victim is doing well.

The follow-up investigation conducted by the Office of Public Safety ("OPS") revealed that the weapons screening machine was malfunctioning and had at least one grid area which was not registering metallic objects. This particular machine was calibrated approximately six months prior to this incident. An initial review of other screening machines operated by OPS officers at various other County facilities was conducted and revealed some other mechanical problems.

The County of Los Angeles is responsible for the safety of its employees and clients conducting business at County facilities. Now that we have been made aware of potential problems involving these screening machines, we have the duty and obligation to test, calibrate, repair, and replace as needed. There is also a need for some standardized protocol for these types of tests.

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THEREFORE, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Direct the Office of Public Safety to work with the executives and facilities management staff of their client departments for which they perform weapons screening as well as with Internal Services Department, to test, calibrate, and repair immediately all weapons screening machines;

Direct the Office of Public Safety to establish a written protocol on the testing methods, including frequency of testing, to be used as a County standard, within thirty days; and

Direct the Executive Office to notify the Sheriff's Department and the Superior Court of this problem as the weapons screening machines which are being utilized at the Courts are similar to the one that malfunctioned.